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First Muslim-American Commissioner of New York City's Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings Is Sworn In

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New York City Mayor Eric Adams swears in Administrative Judge Asim Rehman as City's Chief Administrative Law Judge and Commissioner of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

Asim Rehman, whose experience in the public sector includes a stint as general counsel for the government watchdog for the New York City Police Department, was recognized as the city's chief administrative law judge on July 6 in a formal swearing-in ceremony.

Rehman, who is both the first Muslim-American and person of South Asian descent to be named commissioner of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) and its chief administrative judge, officially took office in March. The ceremonial swearing-in was held four months later so the historic nature of Rehman's appointment to the post could be highlighted, an OATH spokesperson said.

"As we were coming into the new administration during the period of transition and thinking about who to find to lead this incredibly important agency, it was clear that we really needed someone with special talents because OATH is an agency that is so vast in scope that I think it's one that I think most New Yorkers don't actually fully comprehend how much they actually do," said Brendan McGuire, chief counsel to Mayor Eric Adams and City Hall, in remarks during the ceremony.

Adams swore in Rehman at the ceremony, which was attended by representatives of the South Asian Bar Association of New York, the Asian American Bar Association of New York and the Muslim Bar Association of New York.

Also in attendance were former Corporation Counsel James Johnson and Judge Carolyn Walker-Diallo, Administrative Judge of New York City's civil courts.



Administrative Judge Asim Rehman speaks after getting sworn in as Chief Administrative Law Judge and Commissioner of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

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